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How about I have julia set up a quick mtg to discuss.

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**From:** David Ropeik <dpr@dropeik.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 22, 2013 5:45:01 PM  
**To:** Brooks, Karl  
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**Subject:** Region 7 EPA and Risk Comms

Dear Karl, Ms. Tapia, Mr. Hammerschmidt

Hi. I look forward to meeting you all and working with you on the risk communication and risk relationship management challenges of the West Lake site. While I have been contacted by Todd Douglass regarding general procurement and training issues, Todd couldn't answer some specifics regarding the December 16th meeting that would help me know how I can best help you.

Karl,

You had expressed an interest in having me travel with you and your team from Lenexa to Bridgeton to prepare for the meeting, in addition to possible other assistance in advance to help prepare. Your assistant, Julia, contacted me to get my travel plans so she could coordinate my joining you on the Lenexa-Bridgeton trip. I just want to make sure that's still what you envision.

Ms. Tapia, Mr. Hammerschmidt,

May I ask for a bit of clarification about the meeting, so I can think about helping in the ways you would like. I was under the impression that the meeting was focused on the West Lake site, the issue that prompted Karl's interest in my two cents worth, but Todd tells me the meeting is more general than that. It would help to know the scope and purpose of the meeting, thanks. Also, is this your initial meeting with these folks, or have you met before? Knowing the history of the relationship with these people would help me be more respectful of where these relationships stand. Also, I understand there is a bigger more open public meeting in January, and this one, while open, is specifically to engage in conversation with the Community Advisory Group for the West lake site. It would be helpful to have clear in my mind just who this gathering is for, and who is likely to be there and participate. Finally, would you prefer I merely silently observe? Do you foresee my participation in any way? I'm happy to take whatever role you deem appropriate.

And please let me know if I can help think through and plan for the meeting, more than just talking about in the drive to Bridgeton that day, if you think such input might be of value. It seems like it might, since I'm being asked to offer training in risk communication on the days *after* the meeting, training in precisely the kinds of skills and ideas applicable to the meeting itself. But I'm naïve about where things stand, so I respectfully offer planning input only if you think it might help.

Thanks for everything. I look forward to helping in whatever ways you think I can.

David Ropeik

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